

## **REMARKS**

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the phone call on March 8, 2006. Applicants are sending in their arguments herewith for consideration.

Claims 1-12, 14, 18, 20-33, 35, 37 and 39-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheard et al. (US 6,208,345 B1) in view of Bordersen et al. (US 2002/0035577). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Neither Sheard et al. nor Bordersen et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest, the recited feature of an integration framework where “the application integration layer comprises at least three styles”. The three styles of the integration include “a first style that provides a shared application architecture and a shared content among access channels, a second style that provides a shared content among access channels but utilizes a unique application architecture for each of the access channels and a third style that provides a unique application architecture and unique content for each of the access channels”.

Sheard et al. discloses a visual data integration system architecture. Sheard et al. also discloses a data integration infrastructure, depicted in Fig. 3, that isolates proprietary information and systems of a local exchange but provides access to an inter-exchange carrier. Col. 10, ll. 23-27. It is also disclosed at Col. 17, ll. 8-14, that business extension module #2 may include a set of components that provide full database interface capabilities. In other words, Sheard et al. discloses integrating data. But Sheard et al. does not disclose the claimed integration framework with three application integration styles. Further, Sheard et al. neither discloses nor suggests the claimed first style that provides a shared application architecture with shared content nor a third style with a unique application architecture and a unique content for each of the access channels.

Bordersen et al. fails to fill the gap. Bordersen et al. discloses a method and system for collecting, storing and retrieving data in a database management system. The method and system maintain a partially replicated database in such a way that updates made to a central database, or to another partially replicated database are

selectively propagated to the partially replicated database. Updates are propagated to the partially replicated database if the owner of the partially replicated database is deemed to have visibility as determined by rules stored in a ruled database. The replicated database may then be referenced by the user of the portable computer, without requiring reference to the main database. Pg. 1, Para. 5. But Bordersen et al. neither discloses or suggests the claimed integration framework with three application integration styles, the claimed first style that provides a shared application architecture with shared content nor a third style with a unique application architecture and a unique content for each of the access channels.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 1-12, 14, 18, 20-33, 35, 37 and 39-40 be withdrawn.

Claims 13 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheard et al. in view of Bordersen et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,596,744 to Dao et al.

Dao et al. disclose an architecture and system which are flexible for integrated access to heterogeneous database management systems dispersed over a long haul network to allow access to a wide variety of database systems while maintaining an autonomous underlying database system.

Claim 13 depends from claim 1 and claim 34 depends from claim 27. Neither Sheard et al., Bordersen et al., nor Dao et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest, the recited feature of an integration framework where "the application integration layer comprises at least three styles". Nor do they disclose that the three styles of the integration include "a first style that provides a shared application architecture and a shared content among access channels, a second style that provides a shared content among access channels but utilizes a unique application architecture for each of the access channels and a third style that provides a unique application architecture and unique content for each of the access channels". Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 13 and 34 be withdrawn.

Claims 15-17 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheard et al. in view of Bordersen et al. and further in view of Mears et al. (US 6,041,362).

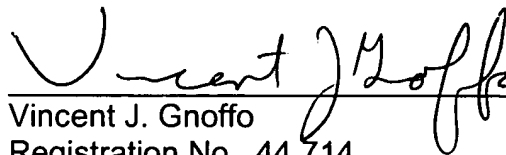
Mears et al. discloses a method and system that provides a web client interface that connects through an enterprise network to an application integrating server such as a Hyper-Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server.

Claims 15-17 depend from claim 1 and claim 36 depends from claim 27. Neither Sheard et al., Bordersen et al. nor Mears, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest, the recited feature of an integration framework where "the application integration layer comprises at least three styles". Nor do they disclose or suggest that the three styles of the integration include "a first style that provides a shared application architecture and a shared content among access channels, a second style that provides a shared content among access channels but utilizes a unique application architecture for each of the access channels and a third style that provides a unique application architecture and unique content for each of the access channels". Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claims 15-17 and 36 be withdrawn.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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